BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S ENTRY INTO LONG DISTANCE ("INTERLATA")) Docket No.: 97-00309

IN RE:

ACT OF 1996

SERVICE IN TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO

SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ORDER GRANTING TCG MIDSOUTH, INC.'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSES TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S DISCOVERY REQUESTS

On March 13, 1998, TCG MidSouth, Inc. ("TCG") filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Responses to the Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Requests until 12:00 noon on Friday, March 20, 1998. TCG represented in said Motion that the office of the Consumer Advocate had been contacted and that the Consumer Advocate does not object to TCG's Motion. No written response has been filed by the Consumer Advocate. Finding no intent to delay the prompt and orderly conduct of these proceedings and no prejudice to the parties. Melvin J. Malone, acting as Hearing Officer, hereby grants the Motion of TCG for an Extension of Time to File responses to the Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Requests until 12:00 noon on Friday, March 20, 1998.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. TCG shall be allowed to file its responses to the Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Requests no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, March 20, 1998; and
- 2. Any Party aggrieved by the Hearing Officer's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.

DIRECTOR MELVIN J. MALONE. ACTING AS HEARING OFFICER